IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 15-16 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3-5, 7-8 and 17-19 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image pick-up device comprising:

control means for generating a synchronizing signal;

image signal pick-up means, connected to the control means, for picking up an image signal with a varied frame-rate;

frame-addition processing means, connected to the image signal pick-up means and the control means, for generating a first image signal, from the variable frame-rate picked-up image signal, with a selected output frame rate based upon [[a]] the synchronization signal;

frame rate conversion means connected to the control means and an external device, the frame rate conversion means for converting a frame rate of a second image signal, supplied from [[an]] the external device, to the output frame rate of the first image signal based upon the synchronization signal; and

~~signal~~ monitor image generation means, connected to the frame-addition processing means and the frame rate conversion means, for generating a monitor image signal for display by a monitor by using the first image signal and the second image signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the frame-addition processing means generates the output frame rate of the first image signal by adding a selected number of frames to the image signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are mixed.

4. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which a part of an image based on the first image signal is replaced by an image based on the second image signal.

5. (Currently Amended) An image pick-up device comprising:

control portion generating a synchronization signal;

pick-up portion, connected to the control portion, [[that]] picks up an image signal with a varied frame-rate;

frame-addition processing portion, connected to the pick-up portion and the control portion, [[that]] generates a first image signal, from the variable frame-rate picked-up image signal, with a desired output frame rate based upon [[a]] the synchronization signal;

a frame rate conversion portion connected to the control portion and external device, the frame rate conversion portion [[that]] converts a frame rate of a second image signal, supplied from [[an]] the external device, to the output frame rate of the first image signal based upon the synchronization signal; and

a ~~signal~~ monitor image generation portion, connected to the frame-addition processing portion and the frame rate conversion portion, that generates a monitor image signal for display by a monitor by using the first image signal and the second image signal.

6. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the frame-addition processing portion generates the output frame rate of the first image signal by adding a predetermined number of frames to the image signal.

7. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation portion uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are superimposed.

8. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation portion uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which a part of an image based on the first image signal is replaced by an image based on the second image signal.

9. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the external device is either a recording/reproducing device or an input terminal.

10. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the external device is either a recording/reproducing device or an input terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, further comprising an input terminal, a recording/reproducing means for recording and reproducing the first image signal, and an input selection means for selecting the second image from the input terminal or the recording/reproducing means.

12. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, further comprising an input terminal, a recording/reproducing portion recording and reproducing the first image signal, and an input selection portion selecting the second image from the input terminal or the recording/reproducing portion.

13. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 11, wherein the input selection means inputs the selected second image signal to the frame rate conversation means.

14. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 12, wherein the input selection portion inputs the selected second image signal to the frame rate conversation portion.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are superimposed.

18. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation means generates the monitor image signal using images from the first and second image signals simultaneously on one screen.

19. (Currently Amended) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the ~~signal~~ monitor image generation portion generates the monitor image signal using images from the first and second image signals simultaneously on one screen.